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May 14:
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Second Semester

July 14-17:
NLC in Denver, Colorado

LEAD...ACHIEVE...SUCCEED!

NFLC: A Show Out By Missouri FBLA!

Missouri FBLA certainly "stood out" at this year's NFLC in Indianapolis, Indiana, with an amazing showing of spirit and enthusiasm. The fun-packed weekend started for Missouri with a state meeting that got the group informed and completely psyched for the opening general session. Missouri FBLA's voice was heard all throughout both general sessions, as the state officers and other highly energetic members led a non-stop parade that shook every corner of the room and then some.

Both sessions featured an outstanding keynote speaker. The opening session spotlighted Harriet Turk as the speaker, with her message being that we can reach our dreams. The closing



Keynote speaker Harriet Turk pumping up members with crowd interaction at NFLC!

as the entertainment, with his theme being about laughing your way to success. Members also attended workshops on topics such as running for an FBLA office and team building. These workshops, in various approaches, taught members how to achieve, succeed, and definitely show some in-depth leadership.

A number of members used the attractions of phenomenal Indianapolis as well. From the GameWorks Studio to the IMAX Theater, members and advisers always found something to do.

A big thanks to everyone who was in attendance—you represented Missouri FBLA so well. Get ready and set now for the up and coming NLC to be held in Denver, Colorado!

"I thought NFLC was great! The workshops were awesome, and there was always something cool to do—like sightseeing downtown. Overall, it was just an all around great time!"

-NICK GARVEY!

Congratulations and job well-done to JACKSON for winning the SPIRIT GAVEL at NFLC!

Preparation: District Competition

The autumn season has come to a close. It is time yet again to burst out with the hot bowls of chili and soup and to raise the home thermostats to at least the mid-70's. But for a Missouri FBLA member, it is time to prepare for an "around the corner" District Leadership Conference (DLC).

District Leadership Conferences are the first stage of competition, occurring a little over a month before the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in April. This implies that you might

about actually putting together your competition materials in December—at least a month and a half before district competitions begin. Preparing and/or rehearsing for your event in plenty of time before your actual competition should cause you to be truly ready at DLC time.

If you are participating in an individual event such as Business Math or Impromptu Speaking, it is extremely helpful to have practice tests to take if you are testing and people to act

be presenting before a group of judges. The strategies that you would use to best prepare yourself for a test in school should be the exact same ones that you would use to study for a competitive event examination. Make flash cards, have someone quiz you, contact a business professional in the field that involves what you are studying and use him/her as a resource—there are many ways to get "set" to compete. Also, to best prepare yourself for a speaking event or

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Chapter to Chapter

Alton R-IV School District

Alton FBLA hosted the October Character Trait for its school's Character Education Program. Alton FBLA members organized activities for an assembly on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, for 7th-12th grade students. The activities included students and teachers lip synching to the song "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. Students completed survey questions about being respectful and used those surveys to participate in a "Singled Out," "Respect" styled game. Winners in each assembly received a \$20 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Winners were: 7th-8th, Quintin Adolphson; 9th-10th, Trish Clark; and 11th-12th, Sara Patterson.

This year's FBLA officers are: Bryan Joine—President, Dana Weyland—Vice-President, Elizabeth Grant—Secretary and Amber Huddleston—Reporter. Members include Cameron Czerwonka, Michael Daniels, Summer Herring, Stephanie Hollis, Thera Holmes, Mekeia Hurtado, Lacie King, Thomas Rokusek, Lee Shelton, and Kelly Williams. Chapter advisers are Mrs. Debra Wright and Ms. Sandy Ross.

-Submitted By: Alton FBLA Chapter



Alton FBLA October Character Trait

Bernie, District 16

Bernie FBLA hosted their annual Red Ribbon Week on October 20-23, 2003. Students, faculty and community members joined together in the war against drug and alcohol abuse.

Red Ribbon Week "kicked off" on a Monday with White-Out Day. Every twenty-two minutes, someone in the United States is killed as a result of a drunk driving accident. To represent this, every twenty-two minutes a student from the junior high or high school was selected at random to have

his or her face painted completely white. The student was then sent back to class and not allowed to speak for the remainder of the day. To end White-Out Day, an assembly was held in the Bernie High School (BHS) gymnasium. To remind the students about the negative consequences of drinking and driving, those who had their faces painted white throughout the day were called to the front. Mayor of Bernie, Willard Adams, signed a proclamation formally declaring Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday, October 21, was Wear Red Day. The halls were awash in a "sea of red," as a large percentage of faculty and students showed their support of the war against drugs. In addition, a few FBLA members presented short programs on drug and alcohol awareness to grades three through six. On Thursday, October 23, members presented programs on Halloween safety to kindergarteners, first graders and second graders.

The most anticipated event of the week occurred on Wednesday, October 22. The Red Ribbon Rally was held at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, which was filled to capacity as parents, students and faculty members came out for a night of drug and alcohol-free fun. Free hot dogs, drinks and chips were available to everyone in the audience. In addition, a free drawing was held for various gift certificates and merchandise donated by area businesses. Several local bands, choirs and dance teams provided the night's entertainment.

A Red Cross Blood Drive, held Thursday, October 23, brought Red Ribbon Week to a close. The chapter collected 63 units of blood, a record for the semiannual event. Refreshments were provided for all those who took the time to give the "gift of life."

"We couldn't have had such a successful Red Ribbon Celebration this year without the help of the entire Bernie FBLA chapter and community members, as well as generous donations from local businesses," commented Whitney Crow, Bernie FBLA President. "The impact Red Ribbon Week has on our community is amazing. We have set a positive example for the students at Bernie, by showing them that drugs and alcohol are not the answer and we hope to continue this tradition in the years to come."

-Submitted By: Whitney Crow, President

"There comes that mysterious meeting in life when someone acknowledges who we are and what we can be, igniting the circuits of our highest potential."

-RUSTY BERKUS!

2004 State Leadership Conference: April 18-20!!!

-Chapter to Chapter-



Bill Clinton & Bloomfield FBLA Members

Bloomfield, District 16

The Bloomfield Chapter of FBLA took its annual field trip Tuesday, October 28. This year, 31 members and 2 advisers went to Memphis, Tennessee. While there, the students went on a tour that included Beale Street, Graceland, the Memphis Visitor's Center, the Lorraine Hotel, a conversation with Jacqueline Smith, the Hard Rock Café, and the Peabody Hotel. The students gained a better understanding of how these tourist attractions have a positive impact on the economy in Memphis.

An unexpected delight for Bloomfield "FBLAers" was that former President Bill Clinton was visiting the Peabody Hotel to deliver a speech at a conference. Honorable Clinton shook the hands of all Bloomfield FBLA members present, and one member and one adviser (Terry Bryeans and Mrs. Kellie Reese) were fortunate enough to have their picture taken with the former President!

-Submitted By: Bloomfield FBLA Chapter

Brookfield Area Career Center, District 3

Activities, activities, activities! This organization has participated in several activities already this year! From winding its way through the Macon Maize Maze, participating in the Community Betterment Award judging, tailgating and watching the Royals game, participating in its annual Kleinhenn fundraiser, and partnering with a local bank to honor its senior citizen account holders, the members have had several opportunities to demonstrate many of the FBLA goals. The Brookfield chapter is looking forward to more exciting activities as the year goes on!

-Submitted By: Brookfield Area Career Center FBLA Chapter

Cape Central, District 15

Members of the Cape Central High School FBLA Chapter are meeting with business leaders of Cape Girardeau. They meet the first Friday of each month at the Show-Me-Center on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University during the Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffees. Four to five students assemble with Chamber members at 7:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, getting to know each other a little better while enjoying juice and donuts.

A program begins at 7:50 a.m.

In September, students learned that Southeast Missouri State University students have a huge impact on the Cape Girardeau county economy. October attendees were updated on tornado disaster recovery efforts in Jackson, Missouri, and state and federal funding for education was presented in November. Students and Chamber members mutually benefit from these coffees!

-Submitted By: Garrett Ozbun, Reporter

Cassville, District 5

Cassville High School FBLA has participated in three community service projects this fall. Members of the chapter participated in the local Miles for Meals program in September. Sixteen members participated with helping to raise nearly \$700 for meals for local senior citizens. Later in September, members conducted the first of four trash pickups for Adopt-A-Highway. Ten members helped clean the mile and a half stretch adopted by the chapter. The final community service project the chapter participated in was the city-wide cleanup in Cassville. For the chapter's efforts, it was recognized as having the most members of any organization. The Cassville chapter has been very busy with community service projects, and it has many more planned for the future!

-Submitted By: Cassville FBLA Chapter



Cassville FBLA Miles for Meals

Clinton Technical, District 10

On Thursday, October 30, Clinton FBLA members gathered to go out in groups to trick-or-treat for canned goods. Groups went all over Clinton, covering nearly every neighborhood in town. When they arrived back at the Technical school two hours later, they had collected over five-hundred cans for a local organization that provides items for families in need. Clinton FBLA's first community service project of the year went well. There was great member participation, which helped make the project a huge success!

-Submitted By: Mason Hilty, Reporter

"You know you've achieved perfection in design, not when you have nothing more to add, but when you have nothing more to take away."

-ANTOINE DE SAINT EXUPERY

-Chapter to Chapter-

District 14

On August 5 and 6, four schools represented District 14 at the Executive Council Meeting and Officer Leadership Training held in Columbia. All District 14 officers were present. The schools representing the district were Bakersfield, Gainesville, Houston and Thayer. The District 14 officers for 2003-2004 are President, Sherry McKee; Vice-President, Dasha Fraley; Secretary, Sarah Caldwell; Treasurer, Josh Wemlinger; Reporter, Allisa Hesterlee; and Parliamentarian, Ben Anderson. District 14 also held a fall planning meeting on September 18, 2003, to plan for the school year!

-Submitted By: Allisa Hesterlee, Reporter



Eldon, District 2

The Eldon FBLA Chapter from Tri-County Technical School "kicked" the year off with a hayride in September. Unfortunately, it rained, so the students made do with grilling hot dogs, playing pool and watching *Survivor*. The rain did not dampen anyone's spirits, however; and everyone still had a great time!

In October, the Eldon FBLA Chapter visited the Lee House, a retirement home for the elderly. The residents of the Lee House were excited to see the large turn out of students that came to carve pumpkins. "I not only had a great time with the elderly at the Lee House, but it also gave them a chance to see that young people are out to make a positive impact on their community," said Jeremy Haley. While carving the pumpkins, the students had a great opportunity to visit with the residents of the Lee House. President Michael Groner said, "I wish that more clubs would give us the chance to visit with the elderly people in our community; these are really cool people, and we just don't give them enough of our time." The visit was a truly rewarding experience for not only the students in the chapter, but also for some of the elderly in the community!

-Submitted By: Eldon FBLA Chapter



Farmington, District 12

The fall 2003 semester for the Farmington High School Chapter of FBLA has been extremely busy! Its membership reached a record high—up 20 members from last year!

The chapter started its year by attending the leadership conference in August, where the officers convened and discussed the outlook of FBLA for the year. As you will see, many good things came from the early planning. The first project was for the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk in support of the "In Praise of Age" state project. To raise money, the chapter sold almost three-hundred

"Forget-Me-Not" paper flowers and displayed them in the front lobby of the school. Then, on Saturday, September 27, it participated in the Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. Farmington was the largest group in attendance!

For a break between projects, the chapter attended the September 20th Cardinals Game Day. From there, it planned and carried out a Farmington school district-wide canned food drive. Students throughout the district donated food items from October 1 to October 24. Then, on October 25 (National Make-A-Difference Day), Farmington FBLA delivered nearly 5,000 canned food items to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry in Farmington. This project was named "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat," in support of the "Reach Out and Care" state project. Unlike all of the other food drives that offer incentives, this one did not. Farmington FLBA was just trying to encourage younger children to give—simply for the sake of giving. This project shows big kids doing good...inspiration for the younger kids. The canned food drive was a huge success, in that this chapter collected almost 5,000 cans, surpassing its goal of 3,600 (one per child in the district)!

Future plans for Farmington FBLA include holding a "Senior Dance" at a local nursing home and doing a fundraiser for the local humane society, the March of Dimes organization and Camp Quality. At the end of the year, this chapter is having a party!

This year's chapter officers are: Jonathan Shirshekan, President; Savanna Moll, Vice-President; Erica Snyder, Secretary; Randy Pettus, Treasurer; and Megan Huff, Reporter!

-Submitted By: Farmington FBLA Chapter



Fulton, District 2

Local members of Fulton's FBLA chapter traveled to three local elementary schools to perform a skit for Halloween on Halloween safety. The children evaluated a mock trick-or-treating session for the kindergarten students. Afterwards, fluorescent bags with safety tips and the FBLA title (candy included) were handed out.

Fulton members also hosted a Halloween party for students (K-5) at the Missouri School for the Deaf. These students live away from home and are unable to participate in traditional trick-or-treating. Games were played, and students were rewarded with Halloween treats in the Halloween safety bags!

-Submitted By: Fulton FBLA Chapter

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

-ALBERT SCHWEITZER

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."
-E.E. CUMMINGS

2004 Summer Destination: *Denver, Colorado!!!*

-Chapter to Chapter-

Gainesville, District 14

Gainesville FBLA has had a busy year! Nine of its local and district officers attended the Executive Council Meeting and Officer Leadership Training in Columbia.

At Hootin' and Hollarin', the chapter's annual fall festival on the square of Gainesville, FBLA members created a new event called "Dawg Gone Contest," which was a hot dog eating contest. It was well received and will continue next year. On a Sunday afternoon, the chapter once again helped community leaders clean up the mess left after three days of celebrating. Twenty members and two advisers helped.

Parents' Night was held on October 23 at the Gainesville high school. The purpose was to showcase FBLA to parents and to install first-year members. Gainesville FBLA has 38 first-year members this year. A highlight of the program was a fashion show illustrating the state dress code. One male member wore a suit jacket with a polo shirt-no tie. Another had on a full suit—except he had white socks. A female member modeled a sleeveless pantsuit, while another wore no hose with open-toed/open-heeled shoes. Mrs. Luna, chapter adviser, even modeled a denim dress! The chapter also had appropriate examples. The fashion show got the point across in a very entertaining way. A reception showcasing food samples from an upcoming fundraiser was held after the meeting.

Currently, after attending the NFLC in Atlanta, Gainesville FBLA is planning its Harvest Fest party!

-Submitted By: Allisa Hesterlee, Reporter

Galena, District 5

Galena FBLA is off to a spectacular start!!! During the summer, its officers attended the Executive Leadership Conference and had a great time. The chapter listened to some very motivational speakers that gave them the charge needed for this year. Galena FBLA held its annual Blimpie's Luncheon on September 19 to recruit members. It was very scrumptious, and everybody enjoyed the six-foot sub that was provided. The chapter also attended the Cardinals vs. Astros game in St. Louis on September 20, in which every participant was held in suspense as the game exceeded into three extra innings.

This chapter is currently selling Sue Croft candles as a fundraiser. It has also started its "In Praise of Age" state project, by being secret pals with a local retirement home. Galena FBLA attended the District 5 trip to Verona Cornmaze on October 14, where it, as always, had a great time.

The year has started off with a blast, and this chapter intends to keep that going throughout the school year. It is planning to do its "Crush" fundraiser soon, where it spreads a little "love" through the school as secret crushes are revealed through bottles of "Crush" soda. On October 30, Galena FBLA participated in the Autumn Extravaganza that was sponsored by its FCCLA, PTSO and PTA organizations,

by handing out coloring books and opening its computer lab for some fun Halloween interaction. The Galena FBLA Chapter is looking forward to a fun-filled, educational school year, as members prepare for becoming America's business leaders!!!

-Submitted By: Angie Curtis, Reporter

Green Ridge, District 10

"Trick-or-Treat, give me something good to eat..." This is what the residents of Green Ridge heard when the Green Ridge Chapter of FBLA went trick-or-treating for canned goods. Collections from this activity went to benefit the Sedalia Food Pantry, which assists people in Pettis County.

The Green Ridge Chapter would like to report its record high of 58 members for 2003-2004. This year's officer team includes: Rori Schlender, President; Janna Dirck, 1st Vice-President; Aric Wasson, 2nd Vice-President; Sierra Smith, Secretary; Amber May, Treasurer; Jenny Myears, Reporter; Stetson Reed, Historian; and Garrett Volker, Parliamentarian. Fifty-six of this chapter's members traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on November 13-16 for one of the four National Fall Leadership Conferences.

Upcoming activities include a Christmas Preschool Workshop in December and Secret Santas. Green Ridge FBLA is looking forward to a fun-filled, action-packed year, while working to Lead...Achieve...Succeed with FBLA!

-Submitted By: Jenny Myears, Reporter

District 13

District 13 has participated in several events so far this fall. Before school began, district officers and members from Fair Grove, Hermitage and Wheatland attended the Summer Executive Leadership Conference in Columbia. In late September, members from Pleasant Hope, Hermitage and Wheatland participated in MO FBLA Game Day at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City and watched a Royals baseball game with other chapters from throughout Missouri. On October 13, the district fall planning meeting was held at the Incredible Pizza Company in Springfield. While members enjoyed pizza and games, the advisers finalized plans for the District Leadership Conference to be held in February.

District 13 officers for 2003-2004 are President Ashley Willis (Fair Grove Sr.), Vice-President Malisia Small (Weaubleau Jr.), Secretary Cassandra Killingsworth (Pleasant Hope Sr.), Treasurer Kristen O'Neal (Wheatland Sr.), Reporter Blake Acker (Hermitage Jr.), and Parliamentarian Brad Young (Pleasant Hope Jr.).

-Submitted By: Blake Acker, Reporter

FBLA-PBL Week: February 8-14!!!

-Chapter to Chapter-

Hermitage, District 13

The Hermitage High School FBLA Chapter again sold chocolate bars for its major fundraiser for the year, generating close to \$1,200 in net profits. This chapter has completed "In Praise of Age" and "Reach Out and Care" service projects, by playing bingo with local nursing home residents and collecting nonperishable items for the county food pantry in its second annual "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" campaign. Members went door-to-door on Halloween evening collecting items.

Recruitment was at an all time high this year with 50 paid members, the most the chapter has had in its six-year existence. Also, for Hermitage FBLA's American Enterprise celebration in November, it participated in a five-chapter buffet luncheon, where the guest speaker from Vatterott College in Springfield spoke on personal finance and budgeting after high school!

-Submitted By: Cassie Thomas, Reporter

Jackson, District 15

Despite the manual labor and hard work, 24 members of the Jackson Chapter participated in the Habitat for Humanity Project in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on October 4. Two different groups worked from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, helping to construct a home in Cape Girardeau. Members dug trenches, set posts and spread gravel to prepare the foundation for concrete the next week. The house is scheduled to be completed by December 2003, with many volunteers in the community helping with the project!

-Submitted By: Becky Wissehr, Reporter



Jackson FBLA Habitat for Humanity Project

Madison, District 6

Madison C-3 has started off another successful year. The FBLA Chapter has had three meetings so far this school year. It has also elected officers and has been busy planning its year. Two main goals that Madison FBLA is working on this year are its service projects and qualifying for state competition. This chapter has already started the Environmental Awareness service project that will remain

through the years. Madison C-3 adopted two miles of highway west of Madison. As a group, the chapter picks up trash along its adopted highway. Madison FBLA believes in keeping America clean! Also, Madison FBLA is in the works of completing the March of Dimes and "In Praise of Age" projects!

-Submitted By: Madison FBLA Chapter

Mound City, District 1

The Mound City FBLA went "trick-or-treating" for the local food pantry on Sunday, October 27. Twelve of the 18 members showed up in costume at adviser Diane White's house and broke up into teams, canvassing the town. Around 280 items were collected and stocked in the local food pantry.

After the collection, the Mound City FBLA had its first annual Halloween barbecue and video scavenger hunt. A good time was had by all.

Mound City's next scheduled project is for December 19, where the FBLA members will deliver "meals on wheels" for their local senior citizens' nutrition site!

-Submitted By: Diana White, Reporter

North Shelby, District 3

Witches, black cats and headless scarecrows did not keep the North Shelby FBLA Chapter from enjoying a frightfully entertaining night at Totter's Corn Maze. The group ventured through a huge corn maze and managed only to get lost about fifteen times! It was a great night of fun and enjoyed by all who attended!

-Submitted By: Jennifer Chandler, Reporter

Northwestern R-1, District 19

Northwestern High School in Mendon, received a charter for its FBLA chapter on October 25, 2001. During the past two years, the members of the FBLA chapter have chosen to earn money for their expenses by raking leaves or performing other yard work. Last year, the work was performed on a sunny Saturday morning in November; this year nine of the members and two nonmembers gave up a beautiful Friday afternoon, October 21, to complete various tasks throughout the community.

Another highlight has been the tours taken by the group each year. Last year, the students enjoyed an excellent tour of the KCI Fire Department and Harley-Davidson in Kansas City. This year, the members plan to tour Hallmark Cards and St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. The tours, combined with individual job shadowing throughout the year, have helped students make more informed decisions regarding potential careers.

The 12 energetic chapter members have combined

Chapter to Chapter Deadline: *March 1!!!*

-Chapter to Chapter-

their love for learning with their desire to better their school and community, as they have completed service projects such as campus beautification and local and national charity contributions. As the chapter matures, members are developing a more ambitious program of work each year. Officers and members anxiously anticipate the arrival of each edition of *Missouri Business Leader* to gather new ideas from other chapters!

-Submitted By: Carrie Henry, Reporter



Salisbury, District 19

Salisbury FBLA's first fundraiser was participating at "Old Fashioned Saturday Night." This annual event was held on September 20. Many booths were set up with different things to offer. The Salisbury FBLA has had a booth at this event for a few years. The chapter sold hot chocolate, pretzels, popcorn and floats. Face painting was also another thing that the chapter had to offer.

The Salisbury FBLA Chapter held a blood drive October 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The members had a lot of support from their town. This chapter was very pleased with the outcomes of both events!

-Submitted By: Whitney Eastin, Reporter



Southern Boone County, District 6

This year has started off with a bang for the FBLA Eagles of Southern Boone County High School. In keeping with fall festivities around the town of Ashland, Southern Boone County FBLA members carved pumpkins and prepared decorations for residents of the local retirement home. Next on tap for the FBLA Eagles is a canned food drive to replenish the local pantries of Mid-Missouri. In order to be successful in this endeavor, the FBLA members have decided to sponsor the first ever Powder Puff Football game in Southern Boone County High School history. Admission will be, of course, two canned food goods; and with football being such a popular draw in Mid-Missouri, this food drive should be quite a success!

-Submitted By: Southern Boone County FBLA Chapter



Trenton R-9, District 19

On October 5, Trenton R-9 FBLA members dedicated their afternoon to clean up their adopted section of highway. This is a start of all their community service activities for the year. Other activities include the American Cancer Society Phone-A-Thon, Adopt-A-Family and Camp Quality.

The students learned responsibility to their community and increased their environmental awareness. One member quoted, "When we cleaned up the highway, I had a feeling of accomplishment from being able to make my

community look better." Local community members appreciate the commitment that high school students have towards the community and its betterment. In acknowledgement of their commitment to the community and FBLA, the members received a certificate of appreciation!

Members who participated include Christina Woodard, Kari Epperson, Megan Schmidt, Ashley Barlow, Jenny Brill, Jaime Kempf, Sena Arnold, Alana Tolle, Courtney Cox, Sadie Jones, Brittany Swank, Hilary Holeman, Stephanie Gutshall, and Andy Cox!

-Submitted By: Jaime Kempf, Reporter



Troy Buchanan, District 9

On the Fourth of July, the Troy Buchanan High School FBLA Chapter assisted the Troy Rotary Club in its annual fireworks display. The Rotary Club is a community organization that contributes to many of the scholarships given to students at this chapter's school and conducts several community activities. FBLA members helped collect money to cover the expense of the following year's fireworks. Members also assisted in serving food and refreshments to everyone who attended.



Troy FBLA members collecting donations for the Rotary Club's annual fireworks display

This FBLA group was honored to be working with such an active, outstanding organization that helps the community. Those who attended had a great time and enjoyed the services and fireworks provided by the Rotary Club and FBLA members. The Troy FBLA Vice-President said, "I felt that I had helped contribute to our community, and I was honored to help the community celebrate our country's continued freedom." All in all, the fireworks display was a huge success, and this FBLA chapter looks forward to helping the Rotary Club again in the future!

-Submitted By: Meghan Schlote and Craig Buck, Co-Reporters

"Our real blessings often appear to us in the shapes of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience, and we soon shall see them in their proper figures."

-JOSEPH ADDISON

The State Scrapbook—It's Coming!!!

-Chapter to Chapter-

Wellsville-Middletown R-1, District 7

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Chapter of FBLA is pumped up this year. The chapter held its annual "Pumping Up Our Membership" week during August 25-31. The highlight of the week was the annual picnic at the chapter adviser's house. Ellen Rainwater, a member, said, "I really enjoyed the picnic; we were able to watch a movie, play cards, explore the adviser's new house and just have fun as an organization."

Members were excited as they ordered their FBLA t-shirts and started the chapter's annual fundraiser. The whole chapter is excited for the remainder of the year, as it will soon do its flamingo project for Camp Quality, play bingo at its local nursing home, recycle printer ink cartridges and toners for environmental awareness, and hold its annual movie night. The Wellsville-Middletown FBLA chapter hopes that the rest of the state is having as much fun and excitement this year as it is!

-Submitted By: Jay Hicks, Reporter



William Chrisman, District 4

The William Chrisman FBLA Chapter "kicked" the 2003-2004 school year off in a very interesting manner. This District 4 chapter worked on an activity with its school's Ace Club and Cheerleaders to "get things started!" The activity involved all three groups—William Chrisman FBLA, Ace Club and Cheerleaders—making bags of candy to hand out to every child age 12 and under who was to attend an upcoming varsity football game. The event was publicized to all of the grade schools in the school district and to William Chrisman High School. All three groups, after making multiple bags of candy by forming an assembly line, met at the varsity football game. There, they covered all three entrance gates, to make sure that every child entering the game aged 12 and under received a bag of candy!

-Submitted By: William Chrisman FBLA Chapter



Worth County R-3, District 1

When Worth County R-3 in Grant City, decided to resurface its roof, it got more than the school board bargained for. As the crew was just removing the old surface over the cafeteria, the rain started to pour first on the roof and then through the ceiling of the lunchroom. This happened just one hour before the 450 students of Worth County were scheduled to start their lunch shifts.

To the rescue came the members of Worth County FBLA and Mr. Wyant's business classes. They jumped in and started placing trash cans and bins around the lunchroom to catch the water. They then started cleaning up the water on the floor with mops and towels.

Next up was where to have lunch. The group moved all the lunch tables to the gym next door. As the time approached for the elementary students to have lunch, the members of FBLA served as waiters to bring the lunches from the cooks to the students through the disaster area. For the high school's groups, they served as guides to move the students around the mess to get their meals.

Between their efforts of serving meals and cleanup, the problem was solved! After the occurrence on September 11th, the chapter members and everyone else that helped were formally commended by the Worth County School Board at the September board meeting!

-Submitted By: Worth County FBLA Chapter



Worth County FBLA members lending a helping hand by delivering meals to elementary students through a flooded cafeteria.



SEE YOUR ARTICLE HERE!

It is so informative to obtain knowledge about what other local and district chapters are doing throughout the state. You can get some really cool ideas about things to do in your own chapter. Chapters need to let other chapters know what they are doing, because we need to advance as a state chapter! Therefore, anytime your chapter does any sort of activity—*let the rest of the state know about it by submitting an article to the State Reporter!* There is only one more opportunity to submit news to be published in the *Missouri Business Leader* for this school year—*don't let the chance pass you by!*

The **DEADLINE** is March 1, 2004!!!

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."

-MAYA ANGELOU

Missouri FBLA T-Shirts For Sale: Visit the web page!!!

Officer Limelights

SHYRAH PERRY & TERRY DICKSON

SHYRAH PERRY
State Secretary



SHYRAH Says:

Hello, Missouri FBLA! I am Shyrah Perry, and I am your 2003-2004 State Secretary. I am currently a junior at Fair Grove High School near Springfield. I am very active in my school and its events. I play volleyball, basketball and softball; and I run track. Besides FBLA, I am a member of NHS, SADD and FCA. In my free time, which I have very little of, I enjoy going to sporting events, crazy dancing, eating and shopping. My favorite foods would have to be ice cream and anything Mexican. The most important things to me in life are my church, family and friends. I love being a part of such a great Missouri FBLA tradition and representing you as your FBLA Secretary. I look forward to meeting everyone this year and hearing your opinions!!



TERRY DICKSON
State Reporter



TERRY Says:

What's up, Missouri FBLA? I am Terry Dickson, your 2003-2004 State Reporter! I'm an 18-year-old senior attending Ritenour High School in St. Louis. I am currently the Treasurer of my local chapter and Secretary of District 8. In school I am entirely too involved with activities such as cross-country, mock trial, Spanish Club, leadership (STUCO), Ritenour Ambassadors, Senior Class Council, FCA, Senior Activity Council (SAC), track & field, musical theater, concert choir, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and NHS! I also write for the St. Louis teen magazine LOUIE. When I actually get some free time, I love to just "kick it" with my friends or do something that's daring! I've had an unbelievable experience as your FBLA Reporter. You guys are truly too good to be true. I know that because of you we'll remain one of the most premier states in

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some type of presentation, practice your actual performance before a few people constantly. You want to practice your speech or presentation as much as possible in front of a small group—as if it is the “real deal!” This way, you should not be intimidated by the judges during the actual event.

If you are working with others for a team event such as Desktop Publishing, be sure to meet with them quite frequently. Meet until all members of the team are comfortable and confident with their respective duties and until all of the presentation issues are worked out, this should occur in plenty of time before the DLC. When not meeting with your teammates, do whatever you can do to individually prepare yourself for the presentation. Work on your assigned duties, or do something extra that could really benefit the team if it comes to mind. Make sure that you and your partners are ready and definitely prepared for your team event!

All of the work that goes into preparing to compete at a DLC is worth it. You can win an award for all of your effort and even place high enough to advance to state competition. Then, if you are to do really well at state competition (placing first or second), you can show some “extreme leadership” by venturing off to the National Leadership Conference (NLC). Even if you do not win anything the experience is also worth it. Learn



from your mistakes by figuring out what went wrong, and work to fix it for the next time. There is no excuse for not leading, achieving and succeeding—if you persevere, you will!

If you have not begun to prepare for your competitive event, please do so immediately! Do not wait until a couple of weeks before your DLC to get ready—*procrastination kills!* All in all, use these tactics to help take you to that “level of success.” Best wishes to you, and good luck!!!

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